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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Rodriguez et al.

Attorney Docket No.: 31140-B

Filed: January 18, 2002

For: Prevention of Ovarian Cancer by
Administration of a Vitamin D Compound

Group Art Unit: 1614

Examiner: J. Goldberg

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
TO AUGUST 7, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this response to the Office Action dated August 7, 2003.

Claims 35-64 were pending in the present application. The Examiner withdrew claims 40-44, 47, 48, 50-54 and 60-64 from consideration. The Examiner stated that claims 35 and 59 would be objected to if claim 49 is allowed; claim 45 would be objected to if claim 55 is allowed; and claim 46 would be objected to if claim 56 is allowed. The Office Action rejected claims 35-39, 41, 42, 45, 46, and 55-59 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over the Need et al. reference.